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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

BUDE-STRATTON URBAN DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1945

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area	4294 acres
Population (Estimated)	5250
Number of Inhabited Houses	1294
Rateable Value	£50,586
Penny Rate Produces	£202. 5. 2.

Social Conditions — Practically all the evacuees have returned to their homes. A few children are left apparently with no homes to which to return. There are very few Regular Soldiers or Airmen in the two adjoining camps at Cleave and Davidstow. Both the Hostels and the W.V.S. Canteen are closed. The Hotels and Boarding Houses are being de-requisitioned gradually and some Boarding Houses are open. It was a healthy year with no serious epidemic.

Vital Statistics

Total number of deaths	81	Male	43	Female	38
Deaths under 1 year	2				
Deaths transferred to other Districts	15				
Death rate per 1000	15.4				
Total number of births	84	Male	38	Female	46
Birth rate per 1000	16				

General Provision of Health Services

1. Public Health Officers
   (i) Part time Medical Officer of Health
   (ii) Whole time Sanitary Inspector

2. Tuberculosis - All cases notified to the County Medical Officer of Health.

3. Maternity and Infant Welfare - Two Resident Midwives are working in the District.
   There is a Maternity Nursing Home in Bude.

4. Fever Cases - An Isolation Hospital containing 14 beds is situated at Stratton.

5. Small Pox - No local accommodation.

General Provision of Health Services (continued)

6. Cottage Hospital - Situated at Stratton and containing 18 beds and 3 Private Wards.

7. Ambulance Facilities - A Motor Ambulance is kept at Bude and is financed jointly by the Bude-Stratton Urban District Council and the Stratton Rural District Council. Fees are charged for its use.

8. Clinics and Treatment Centres - Children's Clinic and Orthopaedic Clinic held monthly in Bude.

9. Professional Nursing in the Homes - Two Maternity Nurses who also visit the homes when required.

10. Midwives - - Two resident Midwives in the District.

11. Chemical Work - None locally.

12. Nursing Homes - One Certificated Nursing Home in Bude.

Sanitary Circumstances of the District

1. Water Supply - Excellent supply. Analysis taken every four months.
The Water Supply comes from Tamar Lake about 8 miles away. Unfortunately it has be discovered that the Reservoir is leaking and the dam is liable to give way in which case all the water would flood the surrounding district and consequently cause a serious shortage. Discussions are now taking place and it will probably be decided to make a new reservoir in the same area.

2. Rivers and Streams - No pollution.

3. Drainage and Sewerage

Bude Ward - Excellent system. The sewage is collected and emptied into the sea at certain periods of the tide.

Stratton Ward - The sewage system in Stratton is not in a good condition and the whole system will have to be relaid.

Poughill Ward - No satisfactory system for the whole Ward. The matter will be taken in hand as soon as possible.

4. Closet Accommodation All the houses in Bude and most of the houses in Stratton are connected with the two systems.

5. Scavenging - Undertaken by the Council and is satisfactory.

HOUSING

Number of new Houses erected during the year :-

(a) Total number	Nil
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :-	
By Local Authority	Nil
By other persons	Nil

Housing (continued)

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :-

(i) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) - - - - -	12
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	15
(ii) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (i) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 - - - -	2
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	2
(iii)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(iv)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation - - -	2

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice :-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers - - - -	2

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :-

(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-	
	(i) Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
	(ii) Number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice -	
	(a) by owners	Nil
	(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts :-	
	(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
	(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice -	
	(a) by owners	Nil
	(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-	
	(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	Nil
	(ii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-

(i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made - - Nil

(ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit - - Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding :-

(a) (i) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year - - Nil

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein - Nil

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein - Nil

(b) Number of new cases reported during the year - - - Nil

(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year - - Nil

(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases - - - Nil

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding - Nil

(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report - - - Nil

Fitness of Houses

Satisfactory on the whole. No unhealthy areas.

Some old houses will be condemned when suitable houses can be built.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Carried out by the Sanitary Inspector.

Meat — No slaughtering takes place in the District.
Bakeries — Well kept and regularly inspected.
Milk — Cowsheds and Dairies regularly inspected. Milk supply very satisfactory.

Public Convoniences

Sufficient for the requirements of the Bude and Stratton Wards. No Conveniences in the Poughill Ward.

Control of Infectious Diseases

All cases are reported and, if necessary, removed to the Isolation Hospital.

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